

# **Community College Fact Sheet**

## **Academic Year 2004-2005**

### **Tuition and Fees Report Executive Summary**

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The community college tuition and fees report is prepared each fall. The report includes trends among the 15 community colleges as well as comparisons to the Iowa regents institutions and national comparisons. Some findings in the report include the following:

- The average annual full-time Iowa community college tuition for academic year 2004-2005 increased \$183 (7.12%) to \$2,754 from the previous year.
- The average annual full-time Iowa community college tuition increased \$1,141 or 70.74% from fiscal year 1996 to fiscal year 2005.
- The difference in annual tuition cost among Iowa community colleges decreased from \$600.00 in 1996 to \$420.00 in 2005.
- Over the past six years, the average per credit hour fee rate has increased \$67.78.
- The average tuition and fees per credit hour for fiscal year 2005 totaled \$104.26.
- In 1980, tuition and fees generated 24.39% of the total operating funds of Iowa community colleges. In FY04, 46.31% of the total operating funds of Iowa community colleges was generated through tuition and fees.
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac Issue 2004-2005* cites Iowa's community college average tuition at 73.02% above the national average.
- Iowa ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in tuition when compared to the surrounding states of South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas.
- The average community college credit hour tuition rate in fiscal year 2005 is \$91.79. The increase in the credit hour tuition ranges from 4.60% to 9.52%; the state average rate of increase in community college semester tuition is 7.12% over the previous year.
- Fees can be a substantial part of the cost at a community college. The total cost of fees range from community colleges that do not charge fees separately to a high fee charge of \$675.00. Average fees charged totaled \$373.86 or 11.95% of the total average tuition and fees charged.